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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEE CENTER PROPOSED FOR MACAU  
AND OVERCROWDING IN HONG KONG.  
REF: A. HONG KONG 14154 B. HONG KONG 14221 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT NOTES WITH INTEREST POSSIBILITY THAT MACAU  
GOVERNOR WILL OFFER A SITE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEE TRANSIT  
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CENTER. WHILE THE IDEA IS WORTH PURSUING IF RAISED BY THE  
GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT FOR THE MOMENT UNHCR  
HAS ITS HANDS FULL IN TRYING TO IMPLEMENT SIMILAR OFFER  
ALREADY OBTAINED FROM SINGAPORE AND ONE THAT IS MORE  
IMPORTANT FOR MEETING NEEDS OF ESCAPING BOAT REFUGEES  
GIVEN SINGAPORE'S LOCATION ASTRIDE THE SOUTH CHINA SEA  
SHIPPING LANES AND THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN NEIGHBOR-

ING COUNTRIES.

2. IF THE REFUGEE CENTER PROPOSAL IS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR HE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE REGIONAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE AS YOU INTEND. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ASK GOVERNOR, SHOULD HE BRING UP SUBJECT, WHAT PRECONCEPTIONS MACAU AUTHORITIES ENTERTAIN AS TO SIZE AND DURATION OF SUCH A CENTER.

3. IF A CENTER IN MACAU APPEARS TO BE BEST SOLUTION TO

TIGHTNESS OF REFUGEE ACCOMMODATIONS IN HONG KONG NOTED IN REFTEL B, DEPARTMENT COULD BE PERSUADED THAT U.S. SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN HAVING CG RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH MACAU GOVERNOR. PLEASE INFORM IF THIS IS BEST WAY OF MEETING HONG KONG SPACE SHORTAGE. HOWEVER FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT MOST CONVENIENT AND ECONOMICAL METHOD OF HOUSING REFUGEES IN HONG KONG IS TO LOCATE CHEAP NON-TOURIST HOTEL SPACE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL SINCE UNHCR COST OF \$6.50 PER CAPITA PER DAY WILL SOON BREAK THE BANK.

4. FOR GENEVA: WE RECOGNIZE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES EARLIER IN YEAR DICTATED USE OF HOTEL SINGAPORE, FOR FAST TURNAROUND OPERATION OF CEP. IT IS NOW NECESSARY, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT UNHCR AND ICEM FIND A HOSTEL OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION AT A LOWER RATE. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP URGENTLY WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, SO THAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY THEM WHETHER TO EXPLORE MACAU OPTION OR FIND INEXPENSIVE FACILITIES IN HONG KONG.

5. IRC HAS A HOSTEL IN HONG KONG WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERING EXPANDING. WOULD APPRECIATE HONG KONG REACTION TO POSSIBLE USE OF THIS FACILITY. CHRISTOPHER

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